

RURAL ROUTE

The old D. G. Harned route for a rural route running northwest of the city and back, taking in some 27 miles of country and serving over a hundred people in forty families, is up again, and it is hoped that with a few slight changes being proposed by O. L. Shannon, that the inspector for the postoffice department will approve the route and it will be established. Postmaster Early and an inspector went over the proposed route Wednesday and the inspector turned it down FOR THE REASON THAT THE ROADS WERE TOO ROUGH AND FOR THE LACK OF ONE CERTAIN BRIDGE, but the slight changes proposed by Mr. Shannon, will bring the route to a point where there is a bridge, and when should settle that objection, and a little hard road work on the part of the people who will profit by the route's establishment, will probably land it.

The route as planned with changes proposed is as follows: Leaving Durant on first avenue five miles north to R. Roberts place, thence two miles west to a point a mile north of the iron store, thence four miles north, thence three miles west, thence three miles south, thence two miles east, thence one mile south, thence two miles east, thence two miles south into Durant.

The general belief is that the main objection to the establishment of this and other routes, is the bad condition of the roads along them, and the parties, especially who will be served by a route, should be all means get busy and fix up the roads, as their part of the effort to obtain the route, which is well worth the work that would be entailed.

The plan for the route has been changed since the foregoing was written, and will be as follows according to the latest draft: Proceed from Durant five miles north on the first avenue road. Thence two miles west, thence four miles north, thence two miles west, then three miles south, thence two miles east, thence three miles south, thence one mile east, thence three miles south and back to Durant. There are a number of requirements before a route can be established along this road, most of which call for working the very bad roads along the line. Postmaster Early advises that the roads are very bad in places, and that no inspector will recommend the establishment of a route till they are repaired.

A rural mail route is a blessing to the people served and a benefit to the entire county in which located. The more rural routes we have the better off we all are. We can't get something for nothing, neither can we secure rural free delivery of our mail without some effort on our part. A rural route in this section of country would be a great thing, and this paper trusts that the people along the route will get busy and comply with the postoffice department's requirements, if they wish the route, as otherwise there is very little likelihood of a route being established.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CORRESPONDENTS

When Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated, he had no press agent, did not wish any, and was overcautious about giving information to newspaper reporters, but soon the president learned that newspaper correspondents were adept at keeping secrets, and that it was perfectly safe for the chief executive to speak openly to the newspaper men whose duty it is to advise the readers of the nation of the happenings at Washington.

Twice a week the president holds a conference with the newspaper men. Usually there are fifty in the party which the president receives. These alert chaps quiz the president, not unlike a cross-examination, minus the grilling, but these meetings are cordial.

The president speaks frankly to the correspondents, tells them what are secrets and what portion of the information is released for publication. The understanding between the president and the reporters is a perfect one. The president has the friendship and the confidence of the men who write the news of the day. It is a fortunate condition, and enables the people of the country to learn the real facts in connection with the administration.

The president is pleased at the arrangement, wherein he can meet the correspondents face to face. And the people are pleased at the arrangement, since it gives them a fine chance to feel closer to the president.—Oklahoman.

GABE PARKER—INDIAN PATRIOT

The Ardmoreite has the following concerning Gabe Parker, candidate for Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation:

Gabe E. Parker of Armstrong Academy is a candidate for appointment as principal chief of the Choctaws. Parker is a young man and is a patriot in the fullest sense of the word. He was an Indian lad of poor parentage and his own people of the Choctaw tribe took him at a time when he could do nothing for himself and educated him in the best colleges of the country. When he returned home among the fullbloods of his tribe he looked about him to determine upon some course to pursue that would bring remuneration to those who had sacrificed to give him a chance in life. He could not repay in dollars and cents and he decided to make the payment in service to his people, the best avenue open to him to be of service was in the profession of teaching. He refused positions that offered him better salary and devoted his time and energy to the work of educating the youth of the Choctaws. Positions in financial institutions and in government departments were turned away and the young man kept at his work. The fullblood Choctaws could do but little in the white schools. He understood their language poorly; he was in the minority in the white schools and because of his reticent nature he was neglected in school work and feeling the sting the Choctaw soon left school and went out into the world with little or no education of value. Parker is an Indian, he understood the Indian child and the child understood him and for years he has spent his time with the fullblood children of his tribe. He stands well with both the whites and the Indians; he has the sentiment and poetry and loyalty of the Indian and the education and refinement of the white man. His is a beautiful blending of the virtues of these two great people and the Choctaws will have a loyal chief if Parker receives the appointment.

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSED

The Bryan County Chautauqua closed Sunday and was one of the best that has ever been to this city or county before. Large crowds attended every program and were well pleased with what the chautauqua people had in store for them.

Before leaving this city, Mr. Speer, manager of the chautauqua, secured the names of about fifty people for the contract next year, and he stated that the prospects were very bright for a chautauqua, and that they would then provide a longer program.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(1st Ins. June 27; 2nd Ins. July 4) In the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Myrtle Susie Cowen and Charles Cowen, minors, John R. Cowen, Guardian—No. 567.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL REPORTS OF GUARDIAN

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 1913, at 9 o'clock A. M., the final reports of John R. Cowen as guardian of Myrtle Susie Cowen and Charles Cowen, minors, will be heard in the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, at Durant, and said accounts of said guardian are for final settlement at said time and place and any person interested may appear and file his exceptions in writing to the said account or accounts and contest the same.

(Seal) J. L. RAPPOLEE, County Judge, Bryan County, Okla.

(1st Ins. June 20, 3rd Ins. July 4) In the County Court, Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

In the matter of the guardianship of Francis Frazier, Silwee Belvin, Williamson Belvin, Nora J. Frazier, and Lucy Frazier, Minors, Solomon J. Belvin, Guardian.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of sale of the County Court of Choctaw County, State of Oklahoma, made on the 16th day of June, 1913, the undersigned guardian of the estates of Francis Frazier, Silwee Belvin, Williamson Belvin, Nora J. Frazier, and Lucy Frazier, minors, will sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, subject to the confirmation by said County Court, on or after the 7th day of July, 1913, at one o'clock p. m., of said date and at the County Court room in the City of Hugo, in the County and State aforesaid, all the right, title and interest and estate of the said minors, by operation of law or otherwise acquired, in and to all the certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Bryan, State of Oklahoma, described as follows, to-wit:

NE¼ of section 21, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, containing 160 acres more or less according to the Government survey thereof, and being the surplus allotment of Sallie A. Belvin, nee Frazier, Deceased.

Bids must be in writing and accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$100.00, and may be left at the office of Geo. A. Hawley or Deck and Elting, Attorneys for the Guardian, at their office in Bennington or Durant, or left with the Guardian at Boswell, or with the County Judge of Choctaw County, Oklahoma, at Hugo.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1913.

SOLOMON J. BELVIN,

Guardian.

By Geo. A. Hawley, Deck and Elting, His Attorneys.

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County of Bryan, State of Oklahoma, described as follows, to-wit:

N¼ of NW¼ and N¼ of SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 13, East of the Indian Base and Meridian, containing 106 acres more or less and being a portion of the allotment of Robert Belvin, Deceased.

Bids must be in writing and accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$100.00, and may be left at the office of Geo. A. Hawley, or Deck and Elting, attorneys for guardian, at their offices at Bennington or Durant, Oklahoma, or may be sent to the guardian at Boswell, or the County Judge at Hugo, Oklahoma.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1913.

SOLOMON J. BELVIN,

Guardian.

By Geo. A. Hawley and Deck and Elting, His Attorneys.

(1st Ins. June 20; 4th Ins. July 11) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of N. N. Johnson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, on the 7th day of March, 1913.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit same to the undersigned at Kenefick, Oklahoma, within four months after date of this publication, for allowance, with necessary vouchers, or they will be forever precluded from any benefit of said estate; or said claims may be filed in said county court.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1913.

WM. M. JOHNSON,

Administrator.

Kyle & Newman, Attorneys.

(1st Ins. June 13; 3rd Ins. June 27) State of Oklahoma, County of Pontotoc.—SS. In the County Court.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Phillip Payton, An Incompetent.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, made on the 29th day of May, 1913, in the Matter of the Guardianship of Phillip Payton, Incompetent, the undersigned Guardian of the Person and estate of the said Phillip Payton, will sell on the first day of July, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., of said day at the office of W. B. Toney, in the town of Allen, Okla., at private sale to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of the County Court of Pontotoc County, the following lands and real property, to-wit:

The East half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, less 3.22 acres and the south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty (30) township six (6) south, range eleven (11) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the U. S. Government survey thereof.

That said real estate will be sold upon the following conditions, to-wit: all cash upon confirmation of sale by the judge of Pontotoc County, and delivery of deed by Guardian.

Bids for the purchase thereof must be in writing and must be filed with said County Judge, or delivered to the undersigned Guardian at the office of W. B. Toney, at Allen, Oklahoma, June 7th, 1913.

M. E. SHIPLEY,

Guardian.

Hatchett and Ferguson, Attys.

(1st Ins. May 16; 10th Ins. July 18) No. 10381

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C., May 6, 1913.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Colbert" in the town of Colbert in the County of Bryan and State of Oklahoma has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be ap-

plied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore I, Thomas P. Kane, acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Colbert" in the town of Colbert in the County of Bryan and State of Oklahoma is authorized to commence the business of Banking as

provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Conversion of The Colbert State Bank.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this sixth day of May, 1913.

(Seal) T. P. KANE, Acting Comptroller of the Currency.



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